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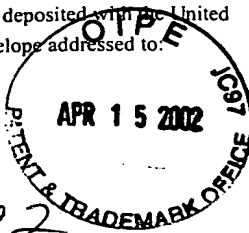
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Counsel for Assignee is in receipt of the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), dated March 21, 2002. A review of the file indicates that a complete reply was in fact mailed to the U.S. Patent Office on December 4, 2001, and received by the U.S. Patent Office Mail Room on January 22, 2002, as evidenced by the return receipt postcard, copy enclosed. For the convenience of the Patent Office, a courtesy copy of the Declaration, as it was filed attached to the back of a copy of the specification, is also enclosed.

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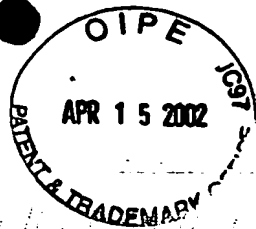


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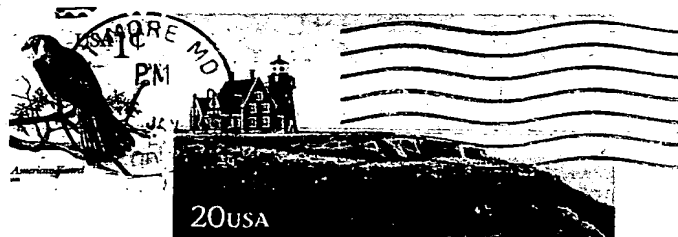
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